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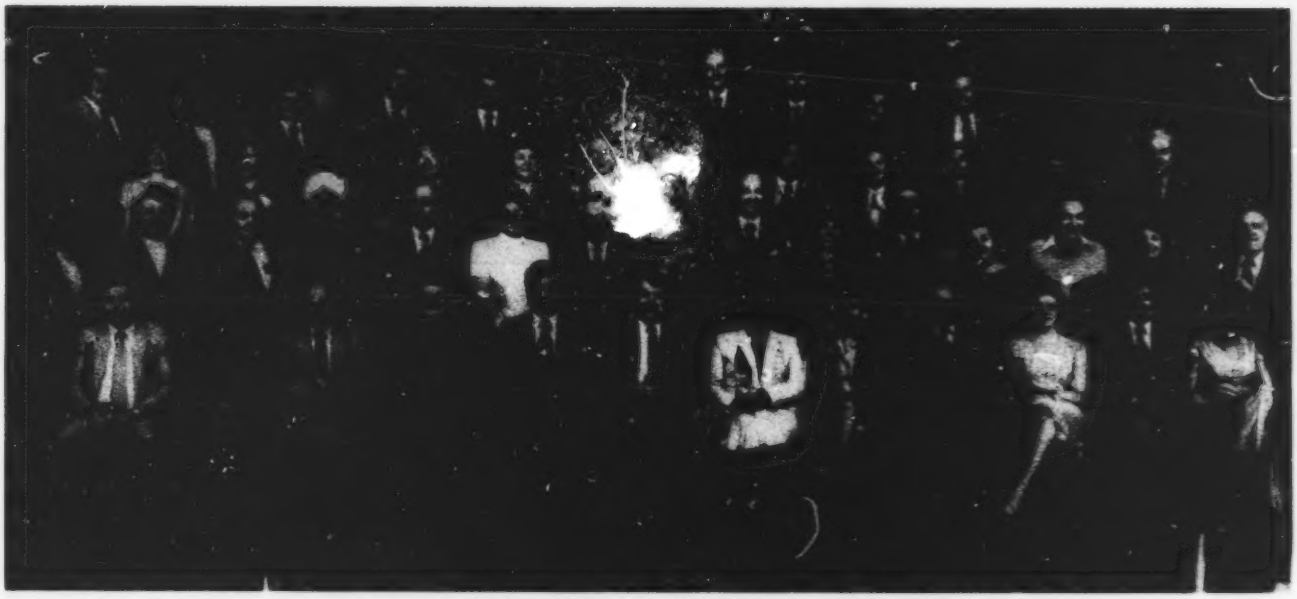

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This was in many ways a special year for the Advisory Council's promotion of the multicultural concept in Ontario. Reaching the tenth anniversary milestone provided an excellent opportunity for Council members to review the decade as well as to take the Council's work to communities across the province. This effort served to clarify and confirm for the Council the relevance and the rightness of the principles underlying its policy recommendations to the Government of Ontario over the decade.

Thus the Council ended the 1983/84 Council year confident that the ten-year 'sunset review' would result in positive solutions to some of the dilemmas involved in the operation of a 60-member Council.

The Council year was highlighted by a number of initiatives such as encouraging multifaith dialogue within the multicultural rubric, and reflecting ethnocultural minority concerns in government consideration of social, educational and cultural issues.

In keeping with its concern for all residents of Ontario, the Council supported the extension of Franco-Ontarian education rights and made initial contact with the Native people in order to gain a better understanding of the constitutional and social issues that have been engaging attention.

It is clear that multiculturalism has entered a new era. Emergency and ad hoc measures to meet newcomer needs have given way to better regulated and more effective provisions.

Approaches to incorporating ethnocultural minorities in the mainstream of Canadian life are more problematic, requiring removal of a variety of barriers to participation. Wherever persons of different race, religion and culture meet and share the experiences of daily life there is a learning environment that necessitates a multicultural response. Many communities that previously limited their attention to symbolic and ceremonial forms of cultural expression have become aware of the need for social reforms that will ensure equality of treatment for all Canadians.

The Advisory Council has not abandoned its concern for heritage preservation, but, as we enter a more complex period, there is a recognition of the need for greater sophistication in identifying issues and recommending policy solutions.

It is likely that the preoccupations of ten years ago are not the main concerns of those who have achieved their majority during this decade. However, as we look to the future from the perspectives of present and past, Advisory Council members can take pride in the consistency of policy recommendations and the achievement of consensus within a group characterised by diversity of heritage and culture, and bound together by the strength of loyalty to this province and to this country in which the fundamental freedoms are the mainstay of our life together.

On behalf of the Advisory Council, I would like to take this opportunity to express the Council's appreciation to the many members of the Government and of communities and organizations across the Province for assisting us in promoting the concepts of multiculturalism and citizenship as the Council completes its first decade.

Chairperson

The Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship was established by Order-in-Council on September 26, 1973, following a recommendation of the June 1972 Heritage Ontario Congress, a consultative body reporting through the Provincial Secretary of Social Development. The Council's title and mandate were extended in 1979 to include citizenship as affecting the rights and responsibilities of all Canadians.

The Council is an advisory body with members appointed by Order-in-Council for the specific purpose of advising the Government of Ontario on all matters relating to multiculturalism and citizenship affecting all persons in Ontario. This advice is presented to the Government through the Minister of Citizenship and Culture.

In addition to submitting recommendations, the Council's activities include public forums, regional consultations, committee meetings, studies, surveys and reports.

The Council has a full-time Chairperson and membership of up to sixty persons from across the Province, representing a wide range of ethnocultural backgrounds and occupations.

Concerns and objectives of the Council are:

- To promote provincial policies that guarantee equality of opportunity for all residents of Ontario.
- To monitor and advise on policies relating to access to government services for all Ontarians.
- To promote policies and programs that will lead to positive attitudes to racial, religious, linguistic and cultural diversity in Canada's multicultural society.
- To encourage all ethnocultural groups in Ontario to share the richness and diversity of their cultural heritage with the general community.
- To encourage policies that facilitate preservation of the heritage of all Ontarians and recognition of the contribution of all members of the society.
- To provide assistance in clarifying for the public, Government policies relating to multiculturalism within a context of full, equal and responsible citizenship for all residents in Ontario.

The Council works through its Steering Committee and eight subcommittees which deal with wide-ranging issues and relevant areas of concern. In 1983-84, the subcommittees were:

- Citizenship Committee
- Cultural Affairs and Heritage Committee
- Education and Youth Concerns Committee
- Human Rights and Race Relations Committee
- Immigration and Refugees Committee
- Interfaith Committee
- Media and Communications Committee
- Social Development Committee

PREMIER'S STATEMENT IN ONTARIO LEGISLATURE

THIRD SESSION, 32ND PARLIAMENT, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1983

It is a matter of record that the government of Ontario has long supported the preservation of our multicultural heritage.

In developing policies and programs to meet these needs, we have taken account of the cultural diversity of Ontario's population. As a Province, we have fully accepted the responsibilities that come with being the chosen destination of the majority of newcomers to Canada since the end of the Second World War.

For many years the Province's education system, our social service and health-care network and the courts have been adjusting policies and programs to meet the needs of a changing population.

As is well known, Ontario continues to welcome people from across the world, many of whom are seeking the freedoms that form such an important part of this Province's heritage.

The Province, in turn, has benefited from the skills, energy and commitment to Canada demonstrated by members of ethnocultural groups who have chosen Ontario as their home and as the foundation for the future of their children.

More than a decade has passed, since the Heritage Ontario Congress, reflecting the deliberations of its 1,500 participants, recommended the formation of an advisory agency to continue the consultative process. In our view, the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship is essential to government implementation of the principle of full and equal citizenship for all our citizens. The establishment of such an agency formed an important part of this Government's official response to the Heritage Ontario Congress discussions.

In rising to recognize the 10th Anniversary of the Council and to acknowledge the presence here today of some of its members, I wish to emphasize the continuing commitment of this Government to the principles of multiculturalism and to the concept of citizenship that provides the basis for Ontario's Multicultural Policy.

This Policy, which has been clearly enunciated and is continuing to be implemented across the Government, focuses on the three themes – – – equality, access and participation, cultural retention and sharing.

These are the issues that have been reflected in the Council's deliberations since its establishment in 1973. It is significant that the agency has succeeded in achieving consensus from the diversity of culture, race, religion, language and heritage represented by its membership, from across the Province. Its concern for our ethnocultural minorities has been balanced by consistent support for the historic rights of Franco-Ontarians and of our Native People.

This Province can be proud of the way in which the vast majority of people in the Province have supported this Government's positive response to the challenges of our changing population during the past decade.

As we set out together on the next stage of Ontario's development, the Government and the people of this Province share the firm commitment to further advance the goal of equality of treatment for all, with respect for the languages, values, faiths and cultures which are part of our diverse heritage – the many ways of being Canadian.

The Government welcomes the participation of all Ontarians in the development of public policy; and recognizes that the input provided by those who contribute their time and ideas to agencies such as the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship, will serve to strengthen the determination of the Government of Ontario to continue to show leadership in building a society in which differences can be accommodated within the framework of a shared Canadian identity.

Reference:

No. 92 Hansard
Official Report of Debates
Legislative Assembly of Ontario
Third Session, 32nd Parliament
Friday, November 25, 1983.

Dr. Mavis Burke, Chairperson of the Advisory Council welcomed members to the first meeting of the 1983-84 Council year on April 15, 1983.

Dr. Burke, in her address to Council members said, "It is encouraging to note that the review of the Council we conducted last year has received serious consideration by the government and will continue to be examined during the year, which marks the official "Sunset Review" process for the Advisory Council". She further stated "The concept of multiculturalism has been variously interpreted and it is important that we arrive at a common understanding of what we mean by this concept. As the Council's brochure suggests – we see multiculturalism as:

> *"a design for living respecting all Ontarians". The implications of this concept are extremely far-reaching and our task is to help the government to identify needs, to design policies and implement programs that accommodate the diversity of Ontario's population".*

In view of the substantial number of new members, the Council meeting took the form of an orientation session. Members were provided with a special information kit on the Council and arrangements were made for members who had served for a longer period of time on the Council to host the new members. As part of the orientation session, Council members were given a demonstration on the techniques and capabilities of the government's video-teleconference system. This technique was presented as an alternative to small group meetings, with the suggestion from the Council Chairperson that this could be an economical use of time and scarce resources.

Addressing the Council members at a dinner following the first day of the orientation session was Dr. George Bancroft, former Senior Policy Advisor to the Minister of Citizenship and Culture. In his speech entitled, "The Challenge of Multicultural Policy Development", Dr. Bancroft gave Council members an insight into some of the mechanics involved in the policy-making process in the Ministry. The Council was encouraged to do its own analysis of the Government's multicultural policy.

The second orientation session took place on April 16, 1983.

Following remarks by Dr. Burke, outlining the procedure by which the council develops policy advice, presentations were made by the Executive Officer on the administrative policies and procedures and the Public Relations Officer on the planning and the implementation of the Council's public relations initiatives and information program.

Following brief introductions on committee structure and procedure by Dr. Mavis Burke, Mrs. Margareta Milne, co-ordinator of the Multiculturalism Committees and Dr. Orest Rudzik Co-ordinator of the Citizenship Committees, presentations were made by the various committee convenors and these included:

Multicultural Committees

Cultural Affairs and Heritage Committee
Education and Youth Concerns Committee
Media and Communications Committee
Social Development Committee

Citizenship Committees

Citizenship Committee
Human Rights and Race Relations Committee
Immigration and Refugees Committee
Interfaith Ad Hoc Committee

The orientation session concluded with a panel presentation "Multiculturalism and Citizenship". This presentation was an overview of the Ontario Government's policy on Multiculturalism and Citizenship and was made by Mr. Moe Diakowsky, Executive Director, Multiculturalism and Citizenship Division, Ministry of Citizenship and Culture, and his staff, and by Mr. Andrew Shapiro, Manager, Institutional Relations, T.V. Ontario. This was followed by a question and answer period. Staff members from the Multiculturalism and Citizenship Division on the panel were: Mr. Clive Joakim, Director, Newcomer Services Branch; Ms. Peggy Mackenzie, Co-ordinator, Ontario Welcome House; Ms. Whipple Steinkrauss, Director, Citizenship Development Branch; Mr. William Summers, Senior Consultant, Native Community Branch.

Following this first meeting of the 1983-84 Council year, a reception was hosted by the Council and attended by members, their spouses and government officials. After welcoming remarks by the Chairperson, Dr. Mavis Burke, the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture, Mr. James Ramsay extended his greetings and that of the Ministry.

The June 17, 1983 Council meeting commenced with individual committees meeting to identify specific concerns relative to each committee and to prepare activities and areas of study to be pursued by each committee. This was followed by Committee group meetings with Mrs. Margareta Milne chairing the Multiculturalism Committees and Dr. Orest Rudzik chairing the Citizenship Committees.

At the conclusion of the meeting an informal dinner was held. Among the special guests present were: The Honourable Bruce McCaffrey, Minister of Citizenship and Culture, and Mrs. McCaffrey; Dr. Jim Parr, Chairman, Ontario Education Communications Authority (TV Ontario); Mr. Tony Ruprecht, MPP for Parkdale; Mr. Andrew Shapiro, Manager, Institutional Relations T.V. Ontario and Mrs. Kathyrn McFarlane, Manager, School Programs, T.V. Ontario. Short remarks were made by Dr. Mavis Burke, the Honourable Bruce McCaffrey and Mr. Ruprecht.

Following the dinner, a T.V. Ontario film presentation was made. Following an introduction by Mrs. Margareta Milne, the Council's Vice-Chair, Dr. Jim Paar made brief remarks. Mrs. Kathryn McFarlane then gave a presentation to highlight the efforts being made by T.V. Ontario to address the needs of Ontario's multicultural population. The catalogue "Multiculturalism" and other materials were distributed. Discussion followed and issues raised included the possibility of television programming for English as a Second Language for adults at home.

The June 18, 1983 Plenary Session was opened with an address by the Council's Chairperson, Dr. Mavis Burke. This was followed by reports on the Council's administration and public relations operations by the Executive Officer and the Public Relations Officer.

During the Plenary Session, the following reports of the subcommittee' reports were forwarded:

Citizenship Committee
Cultural Affairs and Heritage Committee
Education and Youth Concerns Committee
Human Rights and Race Relations Committee
Immigration and Refugees Committee
Media and Communications Committee
Social Development Committee
Ad Hoc Interfaith Committee.

As part of the full Council meeting, a presentation on the scope of the Bicentennial program being monitored and co-ordinated through the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture, was made by Ms. Margaret Szeker, Executive Co-ordinator Bicentennial Operations and Ms. Angela Longo, Ministry of Citizenship and Culture, Bicentennial Co-ordinator. The presentation was followed by a question period and distribution of relevant materials.

Chairperson's Ad Hoc Committee Regarding Native Policy

The Chairperson advised that the ad hoc group (members: Dr. Mavis Burke, Mrs. Ruth Corbett, Mr. Rick Ayoub and Dr. Klaus Bongart) had had several meetings to discuss the thrust of a Native policy in Ontario and possible strategies. Mrs. Ruth Corbett highlighted the initiatives taken so far, which included contacts with the Chiefs of Ontario and the Ontario Native Women's Association. These two organizations were most receptive and the Committee would continue these initiatives.

Advisory Council Tenth Anniversary Proposals

Dr. George Woo who had taken a lead role towards developing some initial 10th anniversary proposals called on the regional liaison persons to report on their planned activities to help celebrate the Council's 10th anniversary. Reporting were: Representatives from the Eastern Region, Central Region I, Central Region II, Southern Region and Northern Region.

On September 16, 1983 individual committee meetings were held. This was followed by Committee group meetings. Mrs. Margareta Milne chaired the meeting of the Multiculturalism Committees and Dr. Orest Rudzik chaired the Citizenship Committees.

The meeting concluded with the Forum – "Multiculturalism and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms". Mr. Allan Leal, Q.C. Vice-Chairman of the Ontario Law Reform Commission addressed Council members. This was followed by a lively and enlightening question and answer session.

The Plenary Session on September 17, 1983 was opened with an address by the Council's Chairperson, Dr. Mavis Burke. In her remarks she stated, "Since we last met, the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture, through which we report, has a new Minister – The Honourable Susan Fish". Dr. Burke further noted "In reviewing the concerns expressed by several groups over the past year, we can identify a number of recurrent themes across ethnocultural minorities. Information about and access to Government and Community services is a continuing concern across the province; unemployment and underemployment of minorities and minority youth remain major problems. Newcomer adjustment needs, particularly the lack of adequate interpreter services and more so the lack of professionals from ethnocultural minorities; educational concerns, including the cry for alternative delivery systems for English as a Second Languages classes, and the need for the education system to recognize and accommodate Canada's rich linguistic heritage. Child abuse engages the active attention of our society and of the media. The treatment of illegal immigrants appears to threaten the rights of all those concerned. The attitude to the Arts continues to be a source of diversiveness between mainstream and minority communities in Ontario . . . . after a decade of intercultural experience and learning, the Advisory Council must hold to the principles to which the Council has given its commitment. We must find it in our hearts to continue to strive to respect each other, to live in harmony in this country as Canadians".

Following Dr. Burke's address to the Council members, reports by the Executive Officer on the council's mid-year financial status and by the Council's Public Relations Officer on publications and public relations were presented. As well, Committee Reports from the convenors of the eight sub-committees were presented.

Tenth Anniversary Program

An outline of the program proposed for celebrating the Council's 10th Anniversary on November 25 and 26, 1983 was circulated and discussed. The Chairperson noted that the purpose of the celebrations was threefold viz:

(1) To publicize the Council and its work during the last ten years.
(2) To review the multicultural policy and programs and recommendations in general **and**
(3) To honour past and present Council members.

Regional Reports

Regional reports on events planned to help celebrate the Council's 10th Anniversary were presented by the Regional Representatives of the Northern Region, Southern Region, Eastern Region, Central I Region and Central II Region.

On March 9, 1984, meetings of the eight Committees were held. Following that, Council members convened for the two meetings of the Citizenship Committees and Multiculturalism Committees respectively chaired by Dr. Orest Rudzik and Mrs. Margareta Milne.

On March 10, 1984, the Plenary Session commenced with an address by Dr. Mavis Burke, Chairperson of the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship. In her address to Council members, Dr. Burke noted that this was the last meeting for Council year 1983-84. "Committee Reviews of the Council's ten years of recommendations will have provided you with new insight to the work of successive appointees to the Council during the past decade. To our credit, we have consistently taken a broad view of the multicultural concept", Dr. Burke said. She further noted, "A perennial problem of developing policy and programs for the province is the need to ensure relevance and acceptability for all client groups in Ontario." As well, Dr. Burke informed Council members that the term of the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship and their term as Council members had been extended until September 30, 1984, pending the Government of Ontario's sunset review of the Council's ten years of operation.

Following Dr. Burke's remarks, the Public Relations Officer of the Council reported on the Council's public relations activities which included highlighting events which the Chairperson of the Council attended and events at which Council members represented the Council.

During the Plenary Session, the eight sub-committees of the Council presented their reports.

The afternoon Plenary Session was devoted to recommendations to be forwarded to the Government of Ontario, by the Council.

Recognition of Council

On November 25, 1983, in recognition of the 10th Anniversary of the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship, Dr. Mavis Burke, Council Chairperson and Council members attended a session of the Ontario Legislature where the Honourable William Davis, Premier of Ontario, made a statement in honour of the Council's 10th Anniversary.

The Premier reflected on the importance of the consultative process in which the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship is involved and proven to be "essential to government implementation of the principle of full and equal citizenship for all Ontario people." The Honourable William Davis spoke on the success of the Council in achieving consensus from diversity of culture, race, religion, language and heritage.

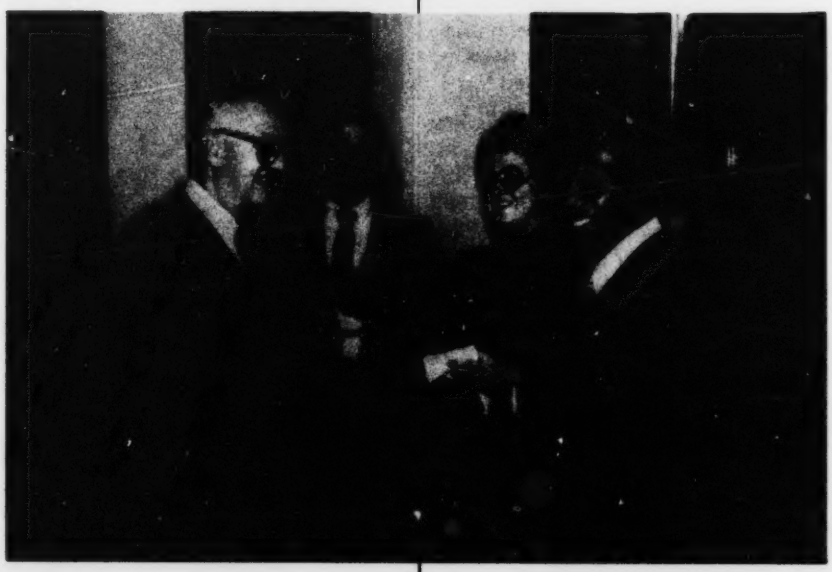
Following the legislative session, the Honourable John B. Aird, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario hosted a reception for Council members where they were joined by the Premier and several members of the Provincial Legislature.

Media Reception

The 10th Anniversary Celebrations of the Ontario Advisory council was officially launched by the Executive Committee and the Media and Communications Committee with a Media Reception held on November 16, 1983 at the Toronto Press Club.

The proceedings commenced with remarks from Dr. Mavis Burke, Chairperson of the Advisory Council. Dr. Burke outlined the significance of the Council's 10th Anniversary and emphasized the need for effective cooperation of the media.

A lengthy and active discussion between the media representatives and members of the Executive and the Media and Communications Committee followed Dr. Burke's presentation.



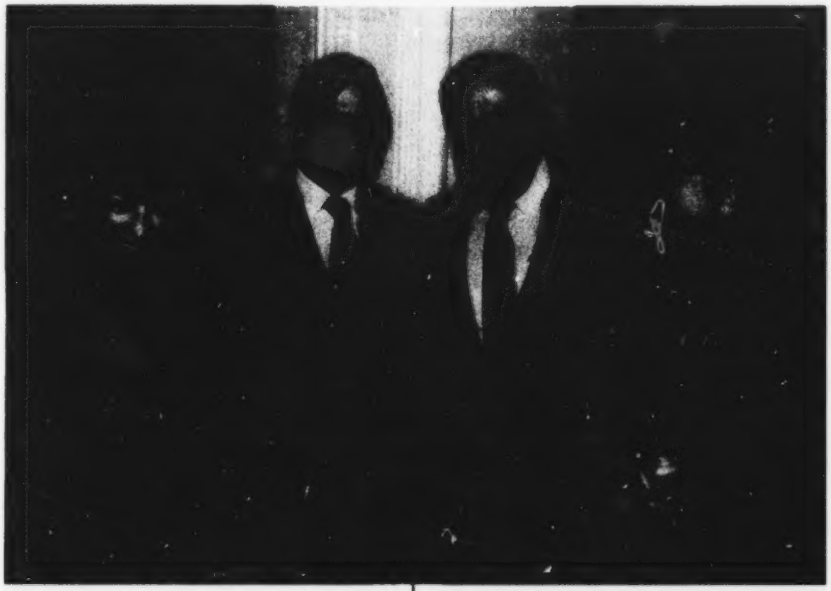
Left to Right: His Honour the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario John Aird, Council Member Mr. Richard Cumbo, Council Member Mrs. Margaret Hudak, Council Member Dr. Suwanda Sugunasiri at reception for Council members on the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the Council.

Public Forum

"Our Multicultural Society: The Next Decade" was the focus of the public forum held on November 25, 1983, by the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship as part of the events marking the 10th Anniversary of the Council.

The eight committees of the Council: Citizenship, Cultural Affairs and Heritage, Education and Youth Concerns, Human Rights and Race Relations, Immigration, Interfaith, Media and Communications and Social Development, each conducted a workshop which examined the work of the Council in these specific areas. The participants, whose attendance was estimated at 200, had an opportunity to examine the work of the Council in the parameters of the committees and were encouraged to contribute suggestions, as well as voicing their concerns.

At the end of the afternoon, the recorder from each Forum Workshop reported to the Plenary Session on comments made during the sessions, and identified what participants considered the key issues for the future.



Left to Right: Dr. Mavis Burke, Chairperson, Advisory Council, Honourable William Davis, Premier of Ontario, Council Member Mr. Talis Kronbergs, Council Member Mrs. Mary Amyotte.

Issues raised by participants at Forum Workshop:

Citizenship Group – raised the issue of the equality of Citizenship, noting that citizens do not always receive equality of service from governments, and that dual citizenship can be a disadvantage to some.

Cultural Affairs and Heritage Group – commented on the difficulties of new immigrants in finding out what cultural and social service agencies exist. A suggestion was made to expand intercultural contacts overseas, with co-operative exchanges with major performing arts groups from all parts of the world.

Education and Youth Concerns Group – raised several concerns including professional development for teachers in instructing students from a variety of cultural and racial backgrounds. Crises in youth unemployment calling for action for specific disadvantaged groups.

Human Rights and Race Relations Group – expressed concerns about the school boards' staff at the Principal and Vice-Principal level, identifying the lack of representation of the multicultural community at these levels. The group was pleased with the Government of Ontario's new Race Relations policy, but wanted the policy monitored and followed up, within Ontario's school boards.

Immigration and Refugees Group – examined the questions; who is the refugee; who is the immigrant; why the immigration process is slow; what is refugee status; what is landed immigrant status. One concern of the group was the question of illegal imigrants and participants asked Council to help resolve the problem adequately and as quickly as possible.

Interfaith Group – commended the Toronto Board of Education for materials developed for teaching instruction in the World Religions program, but commented that such materials could be used widely in the Province and are not.

Media and Communications Group – The media should recognize qualifications gained outside of Canada in their hiring policies, and that fluency in spoken English or French, and not one's accent be taken into account for on-air personnel. Reporters with an ethnic heritage could cover all activities, not just those of an ethnocultural nature.

Social Development Group – expressed their concerns about the process of government consultation with the community, stating that the government listens, but doesn't always act on advice. The group noted that areas requiring action were the hiring of social workers from different ethnic backgrounds and improvements in translation and interpreter services.

Council Member Miss Rita Cox, introducing the Honourable Susan Fish, Minister of Citizenship and Culture at Council's 10th Anniversary Reunion Dinner.

Dr. George Woo, Central II Region Representative, Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship addressing participants at Public Forum "Our Multicultural Society: The Next Decade". Dr. Woo was instrumental in initiating this forum.

Dr. Orest Rudzik, Council Vice-Chair presents commemorative gift to Mrs. Janly Pang, past Vice-Chair of Council, at 10th Anniversary Reunion Dinner of the Council.

Reunion Dinner

To highlight the successful series of the 10th Anniversary celebrations, the Council hosted a reunion dinner at Queen's Park with a sparkling array of past and present Council members. Among the head table guests were: Mr. John Yaremko, Q.C., Chairman, Heritage Ontario Congress 1972; Mr. Ernie Checkeris, Founding Chairman of the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism; Dr. George Korey, President, Canadian School of Management and a former Chairman of the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism; Mr. Allan Grossman, Chairman, Criminal Compensation Board; Mrs. Mary Louise Clements, former Vice-Chair, Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism; Mrs. Janly Pang, former Vice-Chair, Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship; Mr. Don Goodwin, Director, Province of Ontario, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

Council member Mrs. Tellervo Kahara in national Finnish costume sang "O Canada" and Council member Mrs. Ruth Corbett recited an invocation from the Ojibway.

Chairperson, Dr. Mavis Burke welcomed all to the reunion dinner. "In establishing the Advisory Council in 1973, and by the subsequent introduction of a multicultural policy for the Province, the Government of Ontario responded positively to some of the needs articulated by Ontario's people in the early 1970's. The policy of equality of opportunity and of treatment: of access to government services: of facilitating participation in the society: of cultural retention and sharing — those policy components remain as relevant now, as when the policy was initiated." Dr. Burke said.

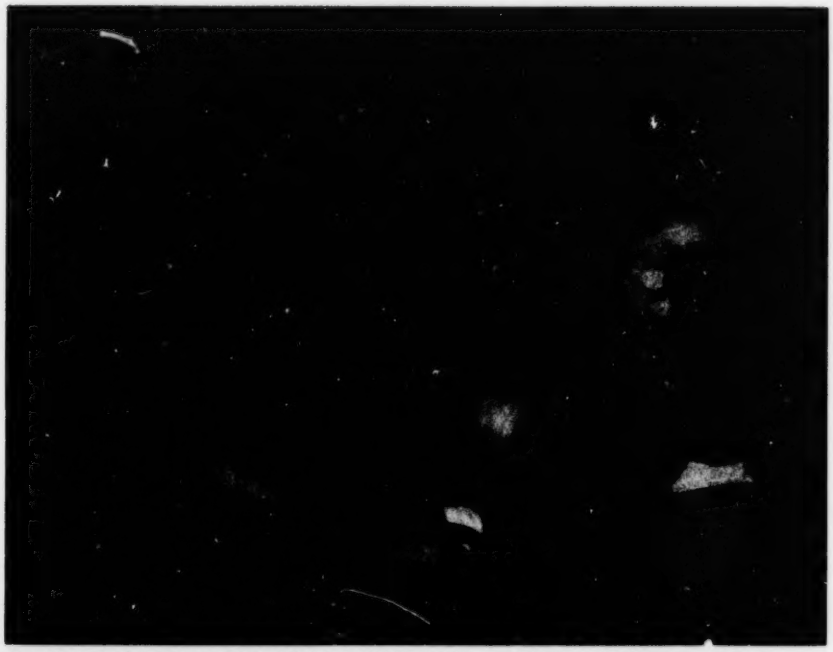
Council member Miss Rita Cox introduced the keynote speaker, the Honourable Susan Fish, Minister of Citizenship and Culture. The Minister noted, "If any single word describes modern Ontario, its 'Cosmopolitan'. But Ontario is also a 'Community' in the true sense of the word — envied for its living standard, opportunity and the civility of its public life. And it is this civility that has acted and continues to act as a magnet for immigrants from more turbulent societies. This social tranquility is something we should never take for granted . . . ."

Following the dinner, awards and presentations were made on behalf of the Council by Mr. John Yaremko, and Mrs. Margareta Milne, the Council's Vice-Chair. Those presented were Mr. Ernie Checkeris, the Council's first Chairman, for his years of service to the Council and to Mr. Julius Hayman for his commitment and contribution to the Council and for being the longest serving member of the Council.

A certificate of recognition was presented to Ms. Madeline Ziniak by the Honourable Susan Fish on behalf of the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture for her distinguished community service through the mass media in promoting understanding and acceptance among the diverse ethnoculture groups in our society.

Commemorative gifts were presented by Dr. Orest Rudzik, Vice-Chair of the Council, to Ms. Janly Pang and Mrs. Mary Louise Clements, past Vice-Chairs of the Council.

The reunion dinner joined the past and present members of the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship in the salute to the success of its past 10 years.



The Honourable Susan Fish, Minister of Citizenship and Culture (Left) presents to Ms. Madeline Ziniak a certificate of recognition on behalf of the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture for her distinguished community service through the mass media in promoting understanding and acceptance among the diverse ethnocultural groups in our society at 10th Anniversary Reunion Dinner. [On April 19, 1984, Ms. Ziniak received from the Canadian Cable Television Association an "Award for Excellence" for her series of programs ETHNICITY on which several Council members appeared.]

The Honourable Susan Fish, Minister of Citizenship and Culture with Mr. Harry Gairy at Council's 10th Anniversary Reunion Dinner.

Fort Frances
– Meeting with M.A.N.W.O.

On October 1, 1983, Mrs. Margareta Milne, Vice-Chair of the Council gave the opening address to the 4th Annual Regional Meeting of the Multicultural Association of Northwestern Ontario, in Fort Frances. Council member Mrs. Ruth Corbett spoke to the group about the issues and recommendations of the Council's Social Development Committee. Both Council members served as resource persons for conference deliberations highlighting the activities of the Advisory Council during the past 10 years.

Sudbury
– Council Luncheon

To help commemorate the Council's 10th Anniversary, the Council hosted a buffet lunch at the President Hotel in Sudbury on October 7, 1983. Sudbury Council member, Mr. Mirko Mehes joined Mrs. Tellervo Kahara, Council member from Thunder Bay in hosting this event. Attended by invited guests from the multicultural community, municipal and university administration, the lunch was emceed by Mr. Ernie Checkeris, founding member and first Chairman of the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism. In her address to the gathering, Mrs. Kahara noted that this was the first event specifically hosted by the Council for its anniversary, and expressed the Council's pleasure that Sudbury had been chosen to initiate the celebrations. Mr. Mirko Mehes concluded the luncheon with remarks about the significance of the Council.

Thunder Bay
– Council Breakfast for Canadian Ethnic Studies Association

At the Biennial Meeting of the Canadian Ethnic Studies Association on October 22, 1983, held in Thunder Bay, an informal breakfast was hosted by Thunder Bay Council members Mrs. Margareta Milne and Mrs. Tellervo Kahara with council Chairperson Dr. Mavis Burke and Council member Professor Keith McLeod in attendance. The breakfast provided for CESA members, Ministry of Citizenship and Culture representatives and members of the local community, an opportunity to meet informally, as well as to find out more about the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship and its decade of service to Ontario.

Peterborough

On Friday, February 24, 1984, at the Peterborough Public Library Auditorium, the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship in co-sponsorship with the Peterborough Community and Race Relations Committee held an evening of "Multicultural Awareness" at which local and provincial developments were reviewed. In attendance were approximately 120 persons.

Co-chairpersons for the evening's proceedings were, Mrs. Mary Amyotte, member of the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship and Ms. Dianne Dalton, Chairperson, Peterborough Community and Race Relations Committee.

Guest speaker was Dr. Mavis Burke, Chairperson of the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship. "Multiculturalism is not just the presence and the proximity of racial and cultural diversity, but the way in which the society responds to this diversity. As social policy, multiculturalism has to be founded on the equality of all human beings sharing this space" Dr. Burke said.

Dr. Robert Barker, Mayor of Peterborough thanked Dr. Burke on behalf of the citizens and the Race Relations Committee of Peterborough for her presentation.

The Forum concluded with a question and answer session with a panel of representatives from the Peterborough Community and Race Relations Committee, Dr. Burke, Mrs. Amyotte and Mr. Rick Ayoub, Eastern Ontario representative of the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship.

Mrs. Mary Amyotte is to be congratulated on taking the initiative for the successful meeting in Peterborough.

Through regional consultations, the Council has the opportunity to familiarize itself with the concerns and views of various communities as they relate to multiculturalism and citizenship in Ontario.

The Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship on April 28, 1983, presented at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, a forum for Education Week – "Language Education for Tomorrow", relating to language education in our multicultural society. Professor Keith McLeod, Convenor of the Education Committee of the Council chaired the forum.

Dr. Mavis Burke welcomed the panelists and the audience to the forum, noting that the purpose of the forum was to celebrate the languages, the richness and the diversity of the languages in Ontario. In her welcoming remarks, Dr. Burke quoted the analysis of the 1981 census as it affects Ontario in terms of Mother Tongue:

English – 6.6 million
Italian – 338,000
Portuguese – 114,200
Chinese – 89,300
Ukrainian – 81,500
Greek – 65,000
Indo-Pakistani – 48,500 combined

Participating as panelists in the forum were: Mrs. Jean Handscombe, Head of the Multicultural Unit and Co-ordinator of English as a Second Language/ Dialect for the North York Board of Education. Mrs. Handscombe addressed the topic of "Perspectives on Language Needs in our Multicultural Society – as a Parent and Educator".

Mr. Keith Lickers, Education Officer, Ministry of Education Mr. Lickers spoke on "Native Languages and Education".

Mrs. Ruth Lindsay, Principal, Gabrielle Roy Public School. Mrs. Lindsay spoke on "Franco-Ontarian Education – A Toronto Perspective:

Dr. Klaus Bongart, Associate Professor, Department of German, Wilfred Laurier University, who shared his views on "Language, Culture and Education".

Dr. Suwanda Sugunasiri, Teacher, ESC, Toronto Board of Education. Dr. Sugunasiri spoke on "Language Education: A Language Planning Perspective".

Mrs. Caroline di Giovanni: Trustee, Metropolitan Separate School Board. Mrs. di Giovanni addressed the topic "Language, Education and Heritage".

Professor S. Bernard Chandler, Chairman, Department of Italian Studies, University of Toronto, spoke on "Language Teaching in the Universities".

During the forum, Dr. Orest Rudzik, Vice-Chair of the Council, acted as the moderator during the discussion period.

Rogers Cable Television taped the forum for broadcasting on its network.

The Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship's quarterly newsletter ***MULTIVIEWS*** in English and French editions continued to be published in 1983-84. As part of commemorating the Council's decade (1973-1983) a 10th Anniversary Special Edition of ***MULTIVIEWS*** was published.

MULTIVIEWS shares information about the work of the Council, activities, events, policies and programs, relative to multiculturalism and citizenship. ***MULTIVIEWS*** is distributed to ethnocultural organizations, members of the Provincial Parliament, provincial government ministries, provincial agencies, libraries, multicultural centres and other interested groups and individuals.

The Council's brochure, ***ONTARIO ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MULTICULTURALISM AND CITIZENSHIP*** – (*MULTICULTURALISM* – a design for living respecting all Ontarians) published in English and French is available from the Council's office. The brochure highlights the background of the Council, its concerns, membership, advisory role and activities.

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On May 25, 1983, the Council reviewed its position on the Heritage Languages Program. In this review, the Council noted that during the past decade of its existence it has consistently supported the development of heritage language education for Ontario students. The Council's position on Government responsibility for these classes and the degree of assistance to be provided to ethnocultural communities took shape as a result of serious examination of the issues involved and increasing awareness of the needs expressed by parent groups in this province and in other parts of Canada.

The Council has continued to bring to the attention of the Ontario Government a number of program components in need of attention. These can be summarized as follows:

- The need for the Ministry of Education to facilitate development and sharing of suitable Canadian curriculum materials for heritage languages.
- Application of computer technology to heritage language learning.
- Requirements for teacher certification or other formal recognition of qualification; provision of opportunities for upgrading and professional development.
- Work towards the long-range goal of integrating programs into regular school day wherever feasible and requested by the local community.
- Need for a provincial review of the Heritage Languages Program in order to assess the quality of teaching and learning and to guide future policy directions.
- Study of the implications for secondary school programming and recognition of the need for heritage language expertise in the Ministry of Education.
- * Feasibility of a Centre for Information on Language Teaching – to include heritage languages.

Ed. Note:

* The Council is gratified to note that the federal government has supported this suggestion by financing a heritage languages centre at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

Libraries
Response to the Ontario Public Library System Consultation Paper: A Foundation for the Future

On May 5, 1983, the Cultural Affairs & Heritage Committee, presented a brief to the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture in response to the Ontario Public Library System Consultation Paper: A FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE. It was stated that, to be a true, "FOUNDATION OF THE FUTURE", library legislation and government support must take into account the cultural and regional diversity of Ontario communities, the tremendous potential of the public library to meet varying needs, and the significant role the public library system can fulfil in realizing the goals of the Ontario Government's multicultural policy. The consultant to the Cultural Affairs & Heritage Committee for this brief was Council member Miss Rita Cox.

Illegal Immigrants
Response to Illegal Immigrants Issues Paper Presented to W.G. Robinson, Special Advisor to the Minister of Employment and Immigration.

On May 18, 1983, the Immigration and Refugees Committee presented to G. W. Robinson, Special Advisor to the Minister of Employment and Immigration, a response to the Illegal Immigrants Issues Paper. In the Committee's response, there were several suggestions, including community responsibility as a way of dealing with the problem of illegal immigration. The Committee strongly suggested that measures taken to solve the problem of illegal immigration to Canada should be accompanied by a massive publicity campaign emphasizing the positive aspects of this program.

Race Relations Policy
Metropolitan Separate School Board In Response to Metropolitan Separate School Board Race Relations and Multicultural Policy Draft

On May 30, 1983, the Education and Youth Concerns Committee presented a brief to the Metropolitan Separate School Board Race Relations and Multicultural Policy Draft. The focus of the brief was that positive directions and guidelines regarding ethnic and race relations or multicultural education should underlie the entire school system and the entire school program. There are five major areas which policies and guidelines on multicultural education should address: administration, teachers, students, curriculum and the community.

Heritage Arts
"The Government and the Arts in the Province of Ontario" – Presented to Special Committee for the Arts"

On July 23, 1983, the Cultural Affairs and Heritage Committee presented to the Special Committee for the Arts the brief "THE GOVERNMENT AND THE ARTS IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO". The focal point of this brief was multicultural policy, as it relates to cultural policy, and the need for an all-inclusive approach. The Committee noted that Government should facilitate the exposition of the performing and non-performing arts in outreach programs in all the regions of Ontario. Among many concerns, the Committee stated that the preservation of the old cultural arts must be fostered by making grants available to facilitate this. These arts which reflect the history and multiculturalism of Ontario are at risk of being obliterated, and hence, must be preserved so the documentation and teaching of these arts is possible.

Child Abuse

On September 28, 1983, a brief on Child Abuse was presented by the Social Development Committee to the Ontario Legislature Standing Committee on Social Development on Family Violence/Child Abuse. While the Committee's concern encompasses the whole of society, the focus of this brief was the ethnocultural/minority community and the relevance of existing delivery systems of prevention and treatment service.

Among several recommendations of the Committee were:

THAT the Ministry of Community and Social Services consult directly with ethnocultural communities in formulating proposals for service delivery.
THAT the Ministry of Community and Social Services direct its branches and agencies to develop a cultural information and demographic base (as developed by the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture "Ethnocultural Data Base Multicultural Program") and integrate it into its service and delivery plan.
THAT the Ministry of Community and Social Services review its Foster Care program for relevance to people from different cultures. Particular emphasis should be placed on recruitment and advertising methods. Due consideration should be given to the cultural background of the child and the foster parents prior to placement of the child into a foster home.

The needs of Native People were addressed by the Committee. Native People themselves must be given the opportunity to become more directly involved in and responsible for the design, development and delivery of child welfare services provided to Native families.

The consultant to the Social Development Committee for this brief was Council member, Mr. Chris Antoniou and special assistant to the Committee, Ms. Karen March.

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The Committee held seven meetings between April, 1983 and March 1984. The areas of concern and focus of activities were:

- the review of the work of the previous year on dual citizenship;
- the encouragement of adoption of Canadian Citizenship by immigrants, including the review of the educational programs and initiatives by both levels of government;
- the study of rights of citizens staying home to bring up children;
- rights of victims of crime;
- the study of the Charter of Rights in the new constitution especially regarding minority language education rights (Section 23), multicultural Heritage (Section 27);
- the rights and privileges of citizenship and the existing practices as applied to teaching positions on post secondary education; **and**
- a review of past recommendations of the Council over the last decade to the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario.

The committee observed the proceedings of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board in a meeting on August 25, 1983. Members of the committee also spent some time with the Chairman of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, Mr. Allan Grossman, in discussion of issues, concerns and plans of this commission.

The committee also met with Her Honour Judge M.E.R. Cruden of the Court of Canadian Citizenship, Toronto Region on issues including:

- current procedures for obtaining Canadian Citizenship;
- legal requirements for Canadian Citizenship;
- problems encountered and observed by citizenship courts;
- programs to improve the level of services to would-be Canadians.

The committee invited Mr. Allan H. Leal, former special assistant to the Premier of Ontario on constitutional matters in 1981 and 1982, to speak to the full council and invited guests on "Multiculturalism and the Charter of Rights" on September 16, 1983. Further study was conducted by the committee on the pertinent sections of the Constitution of 1982 relating to minority language rights and the rights of children of residents but not citizens, where the Charter is not specific.

During the November, 1983 meeting, the committee participated in an open forum with the public on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the Council. The exchange of ideas and perspectives between the participants and members of the committee was both educational and stimulating. This was one occasion where the mandate of the Council, the structure and operational concepts were also disseminated to the public.

The review of past recommendations specific to the concerns and scope of interest to the Citizenship Committee was not only an exercise informally taken to identify issues presented in the past, but also proved helpful in assessing the validity and relevance at the present time. The committee has recognized one concern to be important and of relevance today as it was when originally recommended in 1976. Consequently, the committee again recommended at the full Council meeting of March 10, 1984.

WHEREAS all necessary information for the issuance of Canadian passports is available in a central archive for easy reference; and
WHEREAS the inclusion of the place of birth in the Canadian passport provides a means for misuse and/or abuse by officials of foreign governments to the detriment of the bearer; and
WHEREAS additional information on the individual, if required, by a foreign government could be obtained by requiring a visa;

Therefore the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship requests the Government of Ontario to recommend again to the Federal Government to delete the place of birth on all Canadian passports.

As well at the full Council meeting of March 10, 1984, the following recommendation from the Citizenship Committee was approved for submission to the Government of Ontario.

WHEREAS the Government has recently proposed to increase the compensation for victims of crime;
The Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship supports the proposed action.

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Within the framework of eight committee meetings and two teleconferences, the Cultural Affairs and Heritage Committee has completed the following projects and/or participated in the following:

a) Responded to *THE ONTARIO PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM CONSULTATION PAPER: A FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE*. The Cultural Affairs & Heritage Committee was privileged to have the expertise of a librarian on the committee, who so greatly enhanced and facilitated the work of responding to the primary task placed before the committee just as it commenced its work of the '83-'84 term.

b) The Cultural Affairs & Heritage Committee Convenor participated with the OACMC Chairperson and co-chairpersons in a unique dialogue amongst members of the OACMC, the Ontario Multicultural Society and the Ontario Arts Council. The purpose of this first dialogue was to clearly define the individual roles and objectives of the three bodies in their thrust of promoting multiculturalism in Ontario.

c) The Committee formulated a response to the Macaulay Commission on "*THE ARTS IN ONTARIO*". Some of the OACMC Council members were able to attend the Public hearings in London, Toronto and Thunder Bay. These members identified some further concerns that must be taken into consideration when the committee reviews the forthcoming publication of the Macaulay Report.

d) To follow up a past response received from the Ministry of Citizenship & Culture re: plaquing of specific historical sites with ethnocultural significance, the Cultural Affairs & Heritage Committee structured a data collecting response sheet which was sent to provincial Historical Societies and History Departments of Universities. The responses have been reviewed by the Cultural Affairs & Heritage Committee and were forwarded to the Ministry of Culture and Citizenship for action.

e) As the follow-up to the interest and request of the Ontario Arts Council, the OACMC Chairperson and Vice-Chair of Citizenship Committees and Cultural Affairs & Heritage Committee met with three members of the Ontario Arts Council. This first informative session provided an opportunity for the Cultural Affairs & Heritage Committee to express some of the identified concerns regarding the Arts in Ontario. The need for the re-establishment of an OACMC liaison member to the OAC was re-iterated. Further, it was identified that the Cultural Affairs & Heritage Committee and OAC should meet on a more regular basis, so as to work in a more unified direction re: the arts in the province and multiculturalism in the arts.

f) A review process of the 10 years of the Cultural Affairs & Heritage recommendations was done by the individual monitoring and assessment of the community impact of these recommendations in the locales of the committee members and in dialogue with respective MCC field consultants. The resume of these findings were submitted to the OACMC.

Despite the small size of the Cultural Affairs & Heritage Committee, the committee had the opportunity to utilize the individual expertise of its members and to draw on the input of some of the other OACMC members to complete some of the major projects.

As the Convenor of the Cultural Affairs & Heritage Committee, I wish to convey my appreciation to the committee members and all those OACMC members who assisted this committee in the work this year.

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The Immigration and Refugees Committee held ten meetings in this term of office and considered many problems and questions concerning immigrants and refugees settling in Ontario.

1. The Immigration and Refugee Committee responded to the Illegal Immigrants Issues Paper, the discussion paper issued by W.G. Robinson, Special Advisor to the Minister of Employment and Immigration, in a brief dated May 18, 1983. The submission of our response was acknowledged in a final report presented to the Honourable Lloyd Axworthy, Minister of Employment and Immigration in June, 1983.

   In our response, we expressed our opinion that general amnesty would be harmful and therefore we cannot support the acceptance of the conditional settlement program as recommended. Instead, we have suggested that discretionary powers by the Minister of Employment and Immigration be used in granting refugee status and/or landed immigrant status to the illegals in Canada. We have also covered the border control measures, enforcement problems and other considerations such as the "point system" of visa requirements. We are happy that most of our suggestions were embodied in the final report by W.G. Robinson, Special Advisor to the Honourable Lloyd Axworthy, Minister of Employment and Immigration, in the report "Illegal Migrants in Canada".

   However, the Committee has since voiced its dissatisfaction at the way in which the illegal immigration problem has been dealt with by the Department of Employment and Immigration.
2. We have studied the breakdown of sponsorship and its consequences. We recommended that the Government of Ontario urge the Minister of Employment and Immigration to clarify with the Province of Ontario and municipal jurisdictions their respective responsibilities regarding welfare assistance for such immigrants and refugees. In response, the Ontario Government acknowledged its concern about increasing numbers of sponsorship breakdowns and their request for Ontario social services. We are however informed that the federal proposal in this respect is unacceptable to the Ontario Government and therefore this problem remains unresolved.
3. The Committee further recommended that the Ontario Government urges the federal government to establish the policy whereby persons who have refugee status would be deemed automatically eligible for landed immigrant status to speed up the uncertain period for immigrants and refugees settling in Ontario.

   The response of the government was that the Ontario Government's position has remained unchanged. The Ontario Government considers the development of an immigrant selection policy an exclusive federal jurisdiction and thus the Province had declined to become involved in our recommendation.
4. At the last meeting, the Committee recommended that regional committees be established to review illegal immigrants' cases and that such committees should include citizens from ethnocultural communities knowledgeable in immigration matters, and that the program for illegal migrants be followed up by a well-organized massive campaign in the public and ethnic media.

   So far, the handling of the illegal immigrants program is a catastrophe. We, however, still hope that our recommendations will be acted upon and the illegal immigrants problem solved.
5. The Committee also studied 10 previous years' recommendations and responses of the government and prepared the 15-page report TEN YEAR REVIEW. In our conclusion, we stated that the Immigration and Refugees Committee believes that it fulfilled its mandate in the past 10 years. However, many of the recommendations of the Committee have not been acted upon.
6. The Committee welcomes the establishment of four branches of Ontario Welcome House in Metropolitan Toronto and Mississauga. The Committee hopes that these branches – known as "Mini-Welcome Houses" – will soon be established in other larger Ontario cities to provide counselling to "newcomers" and to help them to establish a new home in their respective cities and integrate in the Ontario society.

   We congratulate the Honourable Susan Fish on this achievement.

7. Taking into consideration, the TEN YEAR REVIEW and the results and achievements of the Immigration and Refugees Committee in the present term of office, the Committee is suggesting that the Government of Ontario reviews its immigration and refugee policy and the results of such a review should be used as a basis for the mandate and the efforts of the Immigration and Refugees Committee in its future endeavours.

In closing, we believe that the function of the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship should be twofold:

- *To make recommendations* to the Government of Ontario in accordance with its mandate, and
- *To be requested by the Government of Ontario to make recommendations* to the Government of Ontario on specific issues.

We feel that the review of the policy on immigration and refugees is one which the Government of Ontario should seek involvement of our Advisory Council in general and the Immigration and Refugees Committee in particular. We would be happy to participate and give of our time and energy to such a worthwhile task.

At the full council meeting held on September 17, 1983, the following recommendation from the Immigration and Refugees Committee was approved for submission to the Government of Ontario.

Preamble

The Immigration and Refugees Committee responded to the ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ISSUES PAPER and submitted its response to Mr. W. G. Robinson, Special Advisor to the Minister of Employment and Immigration in May, 1983.

Mr. W. G. Robinson reported on illegal immigrants to Canada to the Honourable Lloyd Axworthy, Minister of Employment and Immigration in June, 1983.

The Immigration and Refugees Committee is pleased with the report on ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS TO CANADA, as Mr. W. G. Robinson included a substantial number of our recommendations in his report to the Minister. However, the Committee feels that several points should be emphasized and, therefore, suggests that the following resolutions should be submitted by the Council to the Minister of Employment and Immigration.

Recommendation

The Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship recommends to the Minister of Employment and Immigration the following:

1. *THAT regional committees to review illegal migrants' cases be established in each of the Immigration Regions and that these committees should include citizens from ethnocultural communities knowledgeable in immigration matters who are not in the employ or associated with the Department of Employment and Immigration.*
2. *THAT the adoption and announcement of the special program for illegal migrants to secure the status of landed immigrants, together with the guidelines of this program, be followed up by a well organized, mass campaign in the public media, including appropriate ethnic media and/or church and ethnic organizations with the aim of familiarizing illegal migrants with the program and its guidelines.*

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During the past year the Committee has been involved in major activities: (a) reviewing the Metropolitan Separate School Board's proposed "Race Relations and Multicultural Policy" and making a submission to the Board; (b) a meeting with representatives of the Ministry of Education; (c) preparing an inventory of exchange programs for students and adults; (d) heritage languages, and (e) visa students.

The Education and Youth Concerns Committee made a number of suggestions as to how the draft policy of the MSSB could be improved. A brief was submitted and members of the committee appeared before the Board's Policy Committee. Several of the suggestions were taken into account in the final policy statement adopted by the MSSB.

The meeting with representatives of the Ministry of Education was productive. Several issues were discussed and ideas exchanged regarding such issues as a multicultural education policy statement, visa students, a comprehensive language policy, the education of Native Peoples, the Secondary Education Review Project Report, and student exchange programs.

The Committee has collected information on the many student and adult exchange programs that are available and hopes to make this information available to residents of Ontario.

Several meetings were held where the status and concerns of both high school and university visa students were discussed. The Committee also consulted with representatives of the Canadian Bureau of International Education and the University of Toronto International Student Centre. Members of the Committee also attended a small conference that dealt with their concerns. The Committee submitted a series of recommendations for the Council's consideration, and for approval.

The Committee submitted a series of recommendations to the Council on heritage languages. The Council endorsed recommendations suggesting, among others, that a provincial review be undertaken of the Heritage Languages Program, providing for professional development and the certification of teachers, updating of the statistics and information brochure on Heritage Languages, and that School Boards be encouraged to cooperate in developing curriculum materials.

The Committee also congratulated the Ministry of Education on the publication of *Black Studies: Across the Intermediate Curriculum* and *Personal and Societal Values: A Resource Guide for the Primary and Junior Divisions.*

At the full Council meeting held on March 10, 1984, the following recommendations from the Education and Youth Concerns Committee were approved for submissions to the Government of Ontario: —

The Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship has supported the concept of heritage language education at the elementary and secondary school levels. The Council supports the Heritage Languages Program, and has brought to the attention of the Ontario Government a number of suggestions or recommendations in the past. These are summarized as follows:

1. The need for the Ministry of Education to facilitate development and sharing of suitable Canadian curriculum materials for heritage languages.
2. To investigate the application of computer technology to heritage language learning.
3. Requirements for teacher certification or other formal recognition of qualification; provision of opportunities for upgrading and professional development.
4. Work towards the long-range goal of integrating programs into regular school day wherever feasible and requested by the local community.

5. Need for a provincial review of the Heritage Languages Program in order to assess the quality of teaching and learning and to guide future policy directions.
6. Study of the implications for secondary school programming and recognition of the need for heritage language expertise in the Ministry of Education.
7. Feasibility of a Centre for Information on Language Teaching – to include heritage languages.

Of the above recommendations it appears that the Ministry of Education has only responded regarding #6 (Secondary Education Review Project Report).

We therefore recommend that the Ministry again consider the other six recommendations.

We also recommend:

1. *THAT the brochure published by the Ministry on Heritage Languages be revised and updated especially regarding the statistics.*
2. *THAT a means of developing curriculum materials be the encouragement of Boards to co-operate in developing and sharing resources, which would also serve to provide some uniformity of programs among Boards, and ensure quality.*
3. *THAT the Ministry investigate the feasibility of developing a student exchange program that is particularly suited to devleoping competency in heritage languages.*
4. *THAT a program of teacher exchanges appropriate to heritage language teachers be developed.*
5. *THAT the Ministry consider incorporating in the regulations or provisions for the Heritage Languages Program mechanisms for conflict resolution, e.g., between School Boards and parents.*
6. *THAT the Ministry of Education consider again the feasibility of developing special courses to assist teachers of heritage languages in securing Ontario qualifications leading to certification. [We consider that the interim measures adopted in 1977 which did not specify qualifications or certification are outdated. Existing heritage language teachers of proven competence could be protected through 'grandfather' clause.]*
7. *THAT the Ministry encourage the ethnic press to include stories and materials that could be used in heritage language courses.*
8. *THAT the Ministry conduct a comprehensive provincial review of the Heritage Languages Program as recommended by this Council at its meeting of January 15, 1983.*

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Our Committee consisted of four working members, which was a limitation on our work. One member was often unable to participate because of health and the sixth member did not attend any meetings.

It was a quiet year in the sense that policy recommendations of the Council in the past are now reflected in the Government of Ontario's Policy Statement on Race Relations, released in 1983, and the new Human Rights Code. The Council has publicized the policy and Human Rights Code, and the Cabinet Committee on Race Relations is reviewing implementation.

In the area of hate literature, the Attorney-General has requested a thorough examination of alternatives in the Lawlor Report. The Committee studied and discussed these policies and legislation, and brought forward two recommendations. The first requests sufficient funding for resources to ensure development of race relations programs throughout the Province's schools, particularly where there is a perception that race relations do not exist. At our public forum workshop, it was also pointed out that education is for life and many people will live in a number of different communities in their lifetime.

THAT the Government provide sufficient resources to ensure implementation of multiculturalism and race relations programs in every school.

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has declared that racism in any form is not tolerated in this province, and WHEREAS racist hate groups and hate literature are not acceptable in our multicultural and multiracial society.

The Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship recommends:

THAT the Government of Ontario adopt new legislation required to provide effective enforcement of existing laws dealing with hate literature, and encourage the Government of Canada to make necessary amendments to the Criminal Code.

The second recommendation is based on the government's commitment to enact legislation which is necesary to deal with racially motivated offences as enunciated in the Policy Statement. We want the government to act on the commitment made. Suggestions for the future are:

1. Improved public forums, perhaps more often. Members of the public who are prepared to attend, should be given ample opportunity to make their views known.
2. French language capability is necessary for public forums.

At the full Council meeting held on March 10, 1984, the following recommendations from the Human Rights and Race Relations Committee were approved for submission to the Government of Ontario.

WHEREAS the task group on Education of the Cabinet Committee on Race Relations has requested information from School Boards and educational organizations about implementation of race relations and multiculturalism policies in Ontario schools, and WHEREAS a strong commitment to funding of adequate resources is necessary if school boards, staff and students are to develop race relations programs suited to their own particular needs but ensuring awareness of the Government's race relations policy in every community throughout Ontario;

The Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship recommends:

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Mrs. Ruth Corbett
Mr. Mehboob K. Dhanani
Mr. Hanny Hassan
Dr. Shahida R. Khan
Dr. Jarnail Singh
Dr. Suwanda H. J. Sugunasiri
Mrs. Pegi Walden
Rev. John Zivku

The Interfaith Committee is an ad hoc committee of the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship. The Committee was formed about two years ago. Prior to that time, issues having interfaith or religious aspects were considered by other committees of Council. Where the primary focus of an issue falls within the mandate of one of the Council's standing committees, the Interfaith Committee provides a forum where the interfaith components may be discussed or where issues of concern to religious communities may be raised and their concerns conveyed to the appropriate committee for its consideration.

In addition to serving on one of the standing committees, all Council members are invited to serve on the Interfaith Committee. Members of all the faith communities represented on the Advisory Council are also represented on the Interfaith Committees.

Mandate of The Interfaith Committee

- Recommend through the Advisory Council policy advice related to interfaith issues, to the appropriate ministry of the Government of Ontario.
- Provide a forum within Council to promote deeper understanding of the ideologies and practices of various religions.
- Develop an outreach program which will foster awareness, recognition and appreciation of all religions within the community.

Activities of the Interfaith Committee – 1983-84

During 1983-84 the Interfaith Committee of the Advisory Council held 9 meetings and consultations. In addition members of the committee met with a variety of agencies and organizations to discuss interfaith concerns.

The activities carried out by the Interfaith Committee in 1983-84 were:

1. Prior to this term, the Interfaith Committee had been responding on an ad hoc basis to interfaith issues. At the beginning of the year the committee agreed that it should develop and articulate its mandate so that it could focus on the issues most closely related to the mandate of the committee.
2. In the summer of 1983, the Interfaith Committee arranged a forum for members of various religious committees to discuss the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications (CRTC) policy statement on religious broadcasting. As a result of the Committee's initiative in calling the groups together, the representatives of the religious communities have formed an organization, called "Canadian Interfaith Communications", which has examined the potential for interfaith broadcasting, particularly on cable television. As a result of its dialogue, Canadian Interfaith Communications has become a part of a consortium of church organizations, Canadian Interfaith Network, which has made a proposal to the CRTC for an interfaith broadcasting channel.
3. The Advisory Council, on the recommendation of the Interfaith Committee, has agreed that the prayers of the religious communities represented on Council, would be offered at Council meetings, on a rotating basis. The prayers will be collected and, if possible, published in the future.

4. In November, 1983 the Interfaith Committee, as a part of the Advisory Council's 10 year review process, held a public forum in which the concerns and needs of members of several faith communities were shared with Interfaith Committee members, to provide the members with insight into the areas that the committee should consider in its future deliberations.
5. The Interfaith Committee has initiated a dialogue with the Ministry of Community and Social Services regarding general policies and programs supported by the Ministry and available to religious organizations. In addition, members of the committee met with the Executive Director of Correctional Services regarding interfaith concerns. In both cases, the ministry representatives agreed to the need for interfaith components in their programs and will continue to liaise with the Interfaith Committee.
6. The Interfaith Committee discussed the concept of an Interfaith House of Worship to be constructed in Toronto. Initial discussions were held with developers and government officials regarding the feasibility of such a project.
7. The Interfaith Committee, as a part of the Advisory Council's ten year review, examined and collated the interfaith activities of the Council since its inception.
8. The Interfaith Committee has widened its contacts with individuals and organizations involved in encouraging interfaith understanding. It is developing a resource list of individuals with whom the Committee may consult on interfaith matters. Committee members have met with interfaith organizations such as, World Conference for Religion and Peace, the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews and Islam-West Associates.

The Council chairperson has attended a number of celebrations of different faith groups, as has the Convenor of the Interfaith Committee.

Mrs. Vara Singh
Convenor

CONVENORS:
Mr. Julius Hayman (March 1983-June 1983)
Mr. Richard Cumbo (June 23, 1983-March 30, 1984)

MEMBERS:
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Mr. Vladimir Mauko
Mrs. Mollye Nisker
Mrs. Elvira Sanchez de Malicki
Mr. Tito Santos
Dr. Suwanda Sugunasiri
Mrs. Eva Terp
Dr. George Woo
Miss Madeline Ziniak

Initially, the original convenor for this year was Julius Hayman. However, part way through the year, because of his wife's illness, Julius asked to be relieved of his duties. Richard Cumbo was asked by the Council office to become the new convenor early in the year.

This has been an exciting and extremely busy year for the Media and Communications Committee.

Throughout the year, the Media and Communications Committee, or its individual members, met with representatives of the mainstream and ethnic media. We were given the opportunity to voice some of our concerns regarding proper representation and coverage of events held by non-English and non-French Ontarians. There does seem to be a small change for the better in the Toronto dailies. However, a greater improvement is still required, especially in other areas.

Under the direction of Committee member, Dr. Suwanda Sugunasiri, this Committee undertook the monitoring of the Ontario mainstream print media. With the assistance of various Council members, this project is being completed, and the data collected will be presented to the Council office.

Throughout the year, the Committee members have continued to publicize the work of the Council at various events. Being the Council's 10th Anniversary year, the Media and Communications Committee was very active in some of the 10th Anniversary projects. A MEDIA RECEPTION, with the Executive Committee of the Council, was successful and received favourable response from the individuals who attended.

At the reception, the Committee was able to make personal contact with the media and hopes to maintain liaison with the C.B.C. and others.

The Media and Communications Committee segment of the PUBLIC FORUM was also successful. The Committee was further enlightened as to the problems of ethnocultural communities. It was felt that the Council required further publicity to make Ontarians aware of its existence. The Committee studied the feedback it received from the PUBLIC FORUM, to see where it can best utilize this information.

Working closely with the Council's Public Relations Officer of the Council, the Media and Communications Committee was able to assist in the special 10th Anniversary publication of MULTIVIEWS. The Committee also assists with the regular copies produced throughout the year.

The Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship was represented by five members of the Media and Communications Committee at the Ontario Government Annual Blood Donor Clinic. Mrs. Valve Andre assisted the Council office in making some of these arrangements.

These were some of the activities that we have dealt with in 1983-84; however, Committee members attended numerous events on behalf of the Council, some attended conferences, had speaking engagements, interviews on television and radio, as well as many other functions. One great honour bestowed upon a Committee member was a Special Government of Ontario Award to Miss Madeline Ziniak from the Honourable Susan Fish, Minister of Citizenship and Culture, for her media work in publicising the Council.

Julius Hayman received a memento from the Council on the occasion of the Tenth Anniversary reunion dinner.

The Media and Communications Committee held over 10 Committee meetings throughout this term, plus special meetings in order to assist the Council office either for producing MULTIVIEWS or other events. During some of our Committee meetings, we were fortunate to have with us Council Vice-Chairpersons Mrs. M. Milne and Dr. O. Rudzik.

I personally felt fortunate in having a group of dedicated and hardworking members on my Committee, with specific expertise which has been utilized in furthering the work of the Council.

Richard S. Cumbo
Convenor

CONVENOR:
Maria DePasquale

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Mr. Rick Ayoub
Mrs. Sandi Bell
Mrs. Ruth Corbett
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Mr. George Maroosis
Mr. Mirko Mehes

The theme chosen by the Social Development Committee for 1983-84 was THE FAMILY IN A MULTI-CULTURAL SOCIETY. The availability of social services to ethnic/minority communities remained one of its main concerns. The Committee felt that many social services are already in existence and available to the community at large, however, these services are not always accessible to ethnic/minority communities. A review of the delivery of social services to these communities could be initiated.

Several topics including THE EXTENDED FAMILY AS IT RELATES TO SENIOR CITIZENS, were discussed by the Social Development Committee as possible topics for its work in 1983-84. However, its final choice was greatly influenced by the decision of the Ontario Legislature's Standing Committee on Social Development to hold hearings on the topic, CHILD ABUSE. The Social Development Committee felt that this topic was extremely important and chose to prepare a brief on child abuse which was presented to the Standing Committee on September 18, 1983.

The Social Development Committee was very fortunate to have had the services of an assistant in preparing its brief. Through her assistance, it was not only able to study a large amount of written material on the topic but, it was also able to carry out interviews with a number of people working in the field. People interviewed included representatives from the Metro Toronto Police Department, hospitals, the government, Children's Aid Societies, University professors. These interviews were held mainly in Metro Toronto, however, in the Committee's desire to obtain a broad view throughout the province, interviews were also held by the Social Development Commitee's out-of-Toronto members in areas such as Ottawa, Sudbury, London and North Bay.

Recommendations in the BRIEF ON CHILD ABUSE centered around:

1. Institutional Abuse: The School Situation
2. Public Education
3. Social Services

A separate section of the brief was devoted to the Native People who, due to complex legal aid jurisdictional realities face situations which are different from other minority groups.

Due to its complexity, the brief on child abuse took the largest part of the Committee's attention for 1983. However, the Committee felt that the opportunity to directly present the needs of the ethnic/minority communities to a body researching the topic for the Government of Ontario was invaluable.

For the remainder of the term, the Committee reviewed its work of the past ten years and submitted a detailed summary of its recommendations with suggestions to future committees. These suggestions included recommending to the Council the formation of a separate or ad hoc committee to deal with Native Peoples issues and further work on the needs of senior citizens.

In November, 1983, the Committee took part in our TEN YEARS IN REVIEW workshop. One of the benefits resulting from the workshop was the information the Committee was able to obtain through consultation with the participants on the needs in their communities.

The Social Development Committee would like to particularly thank Dr. Mavis Burke, Council members, Chris Antoniou and Peggy Walden, and the assistant Karen March for their assistance and time in preparing the brief on child abuse.

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